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REMINDER: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PERIOD ENDS MARCH 15

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) is now accepting proposals for their 2016-2017 Grants Program. The submission deadline for each of these grants is March 15, 2016. Applications will be accepted via electronic submission only.

Educator Grants - Based on sound scientific principles, have an environmental focus, and be designed to directly impact Louisiana students - Those eligible: Accredited K-12 Louisiana schools - Maximum award: \$1,000 for 1 teacher or \$2,000 for a team

<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-Educator-Grant-Guidelines>

<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-Educator-Grant-Application>

Professional Development Grants - Based on sound scientific principles, have an environmental focus, and be designed to directly impact pre-service and/or in-service educators in Louisiana - Those eligible: Louisiana education, state, or environmental agencies, colleges, universities, or 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations - Maximum award: \$2,500

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<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-Professional-Development-Grant-Application>

University Research Grants - Post-graduate research with a focus on environmental issues - Those eligible: Students attending Louisiana colleges or universities and who are working toward a Masters, Ph.D., or conducting Ph.D. research are eligible to apply on behalf of their school - Maximum award: \$1,200

<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-University-Research-Grant-Guidelines>

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Green Schools Grants - Supports projects designed to reduce a school's environmental impact, reduce health disparities that can aggravate achievement gaps, and engage students in hands-on learning. Proposals to be considered are those that align with pillars found in the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools Program: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/green-schools-pillars-and-elements> - Those eligible: Accredited K-12 Louisiana schools - Maximum award: \$5,000

<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-Green-Schools-Grant-Guidelines>

<http://www.cain.lsu.edu/2016-2017-LEEC-Green-Schools-Grant-Application>

For more information on these grants or the 2016 Environmental Education State Symposium, visit our web-site at: <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec>.

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WATERSHED WEBS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Watershed Webs is a 4-day workshop for teachers and limited 1-day field experiences for students (grades 5-12) of participating teachers, focuses on the dynamics of watersheds, water quality, trash, and our new WET tracker app. Teachers in the coastal parishes/counties of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are eligible to participate. Go to <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/watershed-webs-eligible-parishes-and-counties> for a list of qualifying parishes and counties.

[Download the flyer and registration form.](#)

TWO OPPORTUNITIES:

June 21-24, 2016: Educators will be treated to a stay at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/refuge/rockefeller-wildlife-refuge>, which is located on the coast of Southwest Louisiana and is known as being one of the most biologically diverse wildlife areas in the nation.

July 26-29, 2016: The workshop will be held at the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium facility in Chauvin, Louisiana, about 85 miles southwest of New Orleans. It is situated in the heart of the estuarine wetland complex of the Mississippi River deltaic plain, between two active distributaries - the Atchafalaya River and the Mississippi itself. Visit <http://www.lumcon.edu/> for more details.

Participants at either workshop will take part in lessons and activities on a stretch of remote coastal beach and activities will include collecting quantitative data and debris for analysis. Participants will learn to track the path of debris within watersheds, become trained in basic water quality assessment, participate in a beach elevation profile measuring activity, and other, habitat-specific activities. They will be trained in the use of the WET Tracker app and practice related standards-based lesson activities. Closing discussion topics will include societal demands, trash reduction techniques, and stewardship in the classroom.

For complete details, visit <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/professional-development-opportunities>.

GIVE A WHOOP!

Learn about the whooping crane reintroduction program and the whooping cranes' amazing journey back from the brink of extinction. This workshop will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate classroom lessons and activities, and allow participants the opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures. Includes breakfast and lunch, lesson binder and classroom materials.

Find the workshop flyer [here](#) and the registration form [here](#).

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